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Amendments to the Specification

Please delete the paragraph starting line 35, page 12, to line 4, page 14, and replace it as follows:

-The terms "phosphocarrier protein HPr" and "PtsH" refer to the phosphocarrier protein encoded by ptsH in E. coli. The terms "phosphoenolpyruvate-protein phosphotransferase" and "Ptst" refer to the phosphotransferase, EC 2.7.3.9, encoded by ptsl in E. coli. The terms "PTS system", "glucose-specific IIA component", and "Crr" refer to EC 2.7.1.69, encoded by crr in E. coli. PtsH, Ptsl, and Crr comprise the PTS system.—